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To Whom It May Concern:

It is an abomination that animals are still subjected to horrible torture and death in outdated, unreliable and unnecessary research that can and should be replaced with more effective, less costly and humane non-animal alternatives. It is despicably reprehensible when our government initiates and endorses programs that are questionable, anachronistic or ethically unsound.

Ignoring warnings of scientists from both the biomedical research and animal advocacy communities, the United States government rejected sound moral and technical arguments by drafting guidelines for transplanting animal organs to humans, a process known as xenotransplantation.

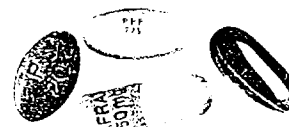
I am extremely unwilling to support the suffering and death of non-human animals, particularly since evidence demonstrates the possibility of threatening the well being of humans. It is impossible to extrapolate the savings of thousands of lives with the millions of lives which may be lost to yet unknown and undiscovered viruses, the result of xenotransplantation.

Would it not be more effective, practical and humane for your office to coordinate a system with our medical institutions in which human organ donations would be more actively encouraged? A thorough program of education, sponsored jointly by the government and the American Medical Association could make organ donations a customary and routine procedure.

The focus of American citizens, the medical profession and the government, with necessary resources and genuine efforts, must be on preventative medicine, clinical and epidemiological research and a thorough understanding of the biological structures of humans by humans. It is our moral responsibility to do so.

Respectfully,

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